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MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION**



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## **I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE**

The Indiana General Assembly enacted legislation directing the Commission to do the following:

- (1) Study and evaluate the funding system for managed care providers of mental health services.
- (2) Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by the community managed care providers and state operated hospitals.
- (3) Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for public supported mental health services in any specific geographic area or throughout Indiana. In formulating these recommendations, the commission shall consider the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of managed care providers.
- (4) Review the results of the actuarial study which must be submitted by the division of mental health and addiction to the commission not later than thirty (30) days after completion of the actuarial study.
- (5) Make recommendations regarding the application of the actuarial study by the division of mental health and addiction to the determination of service needs, eligibility criteria, payment, and prioritization of service.
- (6) Monitor the implementation of managed care programs for all populations of the mentally ill that are eligible for care that is paid for in part or in whole by the state.

## **II. INTRODUCTION**

The Commission met four times during the 2002 interim session on August 21, 2002, September 19, 2002, October 17, 2002, and October 30, 2002.

At the Commission's October 30, 2002 meeting, the Commission approved the following preliminary drafts of proposed legislation:

- PD 3706 - Mental Health Drugs for Department of Correction Inmates
- PD 3738 - Psychiatric Advance Directives
- PD 3744 - County Home Account

The Commission is not required to file a final report.